

THE COMMUNICATOR

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Contra Costa Communications Club, Inc
An ARRL Affiliated Repeater Group
Dedicated to Service



Sunshine Committee



Hello everyone :

Here is wishing all our members that are experiencing difficulties of any kind speedy return to health and well being. Rest assured we care for each and everyone of our 4C's family.



Thank you to everyone that served the club in any capacity during 2013 and years past.

We couldn't do it without you!

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President's Blog

Happy New Year! We made it through 2013. We want to thank Barbara and her all girl team for a GREAT Christmas party. If you missed it, mark your calendar so you don't miss the next one.

Speaking of the first of the first of the year it is a good time to check over your equipment. Remember you saw that one bad solder joint you meant to fix; now is the time to do it.

When they sent out the party info, they included the dues statement, and so far, 50 of you paid up. WE would like to finish the dues by the end of the month so we can move on to bigger and better things. So if you still need to send a check, please do. If you have a question, feel free to call me or Audrey at 223-1748. Thanks in advance.

I hope that the weather warms up some real quick. It seems that we can't get out from under all the blankets and get on the morning net. The past couple of weeks about the only person up and talking is the net controller. The net that used to last an hour and a half is now over in twenty minutes. Maybe what we need to do is copy Vallejo Bob and put the mike under the covers with us.

Looking at the Roster, we can see that our numbers are slipping. Several years ago we had close to 100 members, but last year the roster was down to 71. The new roster could show only 63 with the people that have moved and silent keys. We need to keep reminding people who we hear on the repeater that it is a member supported system. We also need to recruit new hams who are not mem-

2014 CONTRA COSTA COMMUNICATIONS CLUB, INC. DAILY AND WEEKLY NETS

DAYS	NET CONTROLLER	REPEATER/NET NAME/TIME
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	MICHAEL K6CUG BOB AB4AL BOB W6WTJ ALT: STAN K6SEI GARY KG6RJA BARBARA KD6OKJ	145.110 OVER-THE-HILL 7:10 AM
WEEKLY - TUESDAY QRM	ROBBY N6MNL BOB AB4AL JEFF KL6RHF MICHAEL K6CUG RICH KO6FR	224.300 CLUB 220 NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY - WEDNESDAY	JEFF KJ6RHF	145.110 OPEN NET 8:00 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	MEMBERS ROTATE	145.110 WEST CONTRA COSTA CTY RACES 6:45 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	ROBBY N6MNL FRED W6BBQ JEFF KJ6RHF BOB AB4AL MICHAEL K6CUG	145.110 CLUB NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	OPEN NET	145.110 TECHNICAL NET 8:00 PM

Club Officers For 2014

President: Fred Neiman W6BBQ (2014) 0
 V. Pres: Don Hamma KE6ZFP (2016) 2
 Secretary: Burgie Jones KE6MSF (2016) 2
 Treasurer: V. Thompson KE6FSU (2015) 2
 Trustee: Fred Neiman, W6BBQ (2024)
 Director: Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ (2015) 1
 Director: Michael Nicholson, K6CUG (2014) 1
 Director: Robert Seymour, KI6KOU (2016) 2

RACES Contra Costa County Mike McMillan K6MCM
 510-223-3052

Repeater Controller's

Call to report any problems or concerns

Robby.....N6MNL
 Fred ...W6BBQ
 Bob..... AB4AL
 Jeff.....KJ6RHF

Committee Chairperson

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Audrey Neiman, KD6MVH

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(Chair) Robert Gregory AB4AL
 Paul Henson KF6FMX
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 Jeff Miller KJ6RHF

Packet:

Robby Robinson N6MNL

NARCC:

Fred Neiman W6BBQ

Picnic:

Fred Neiman, W6BBQ

Christmas:

Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ

Newsletter:

Victoria Thompson KE6FSU

bers. As an example, on the weekly Emcomm net on Thursday, 11 out of 29 normal check-ins, are not members of any club.

See ya on the 12th at Denny's, and bring someone who wants to join.

Fred W6BBQ

**General Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Fred Nieman, W6BBQ, at 8 a.m. Introductions were made around the room.

Treasurers Report:

Checking: \$3,576.77

Savings: \$ 539.03

Repeater Fund: \$31.00 Thank you all for your donations.

Robby, N6MNL: Fred, W6BBQ: Michael K6CUG all visited Fred and John.

Jeff Miller, KJ6RHF, wrote a notice to Robby regarding our controller/rack stating:

With the new controller there's an extra signal so therefore an extra pin out. We have to locate the source in all 3 radios. The cables that have already been made have to be re-pinned, not a big deal and I can do that here while I'm laid up. When we can locate the source in the radios I can also do the radios here. Wiring on the rack needs to be tightened up and secured. I'll contact Alan and see what we can do together. I will go out to Tracy and get a skeleton program for the new controller from David Coursey N5FDL and then adjust it for our needs.

Thank you for the update Jeff.

Progressive Raffle: Mike Camp KI7FQ

Free Breakfast: Wing KJ6YDE

Submitted by: Burgie Jones, KE6MSF

There was no Board Meeting for November

**Board Meeting
December 14, 2013**

Those in attendance were:

Victoria Thompson KE6FSU

Michael Nicholson K6CUG

Robby Robinson N6MNL

Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ

Fred Nieman W6BBQ

Burgie Jones KE6MSF

Robert Seymour KI6KOU

All the board members agreed to retain for positions for 2014.

Michael Nicholson made a motion for Fred Nieman to become President of the Contra Costa Communications Club. It was seconded by Barbara Robinson. All agreed. Congratulations Fred!!

Robby Robinson stated it was time for him to relinquish his seat as Trustee of the Contra Costa Communications Club. Michael made a motion for Fred to become the new Trustee of CCCC. It was seconded by Barbara. All board members agreed. Congratulations Fred!!

Submitted by: Burgie Jones, KE6MSF

Treasures Report November/December 2013

November			
Income		Expenses	
Repeater Fund	\$ 41.00	State Corp Fee	\$ 20.00
Memorial Fund		Paper/ink	\$ 10.00
Ralph Hall	\$ 80.00	Postage	\$ 46.00
Member Dues	\$420.00	Total	\$ 76.00
Christmas Party	\$560.00		
Total	\$1,101.00		

December			
Income		Expenses	
Contribution	\$ 57.38	Christmas Party	\$ 804.39
Member Dues	\$ 150.00	Total	\$ 804.39
Christmas Party	\$ 220.00		
Total	\$ 427.38		

Silent Key



John Wood, N6JDW

Jan. 20, 1938 - Dec. 4, 2013

John Wood was KF6FAH until he got his new call sign of N6JDW. He was a member of 4C's since 1998 and was an ARRL member. As a member of EBARC he held various EBARC offices. John was a generous 'elmer' for many hams. He was a gregarious, supportive friend to many. He had been an electronics technician, taught chemistry at high school, and wrote software. He also sang tenor in amateur local musicals. At his assisted living unit, he taught a weekly "Idea Hour." He taught many ham radio classes. Some of you may have gotten licenses through a class he taught. He will be sorely missed. If you'd like to be on the boat for the scattering of his ashes next July, contact Sharon, AA6XZ.

Annual Christmas Party

One has to admit we do love to party!

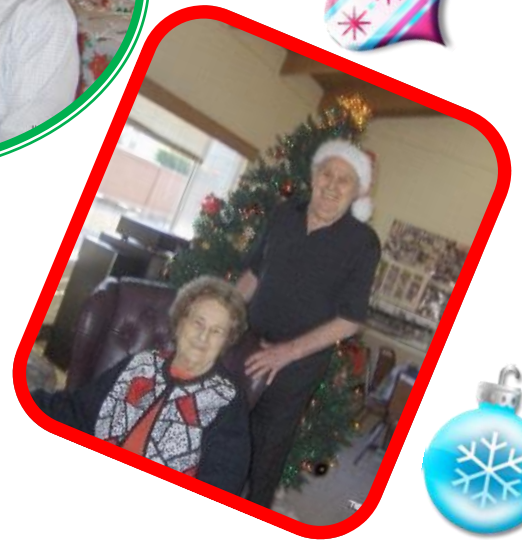
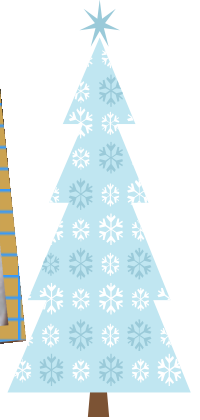
With a big round of thanks of for:

- * The ladies of Christmas, Barbara the fearless leader, Burgie, shopper extraordinaire, Sharon our HRO picker upper, Victoria the candy wrapper, Martha our photographer, and Audrey our energetic go to gal.
- * Mark, WI7YN of Ham Radio Outlet who has been wonderful supporter of our party every year! Be sure say thank you when you see him.
- * Everyone the brought desserts!
- * The many stalwart and able helpers that swooped in to clean up, reset the room and haul out the trash.









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IC-7600 All Mode Transceiver

- 100W HF/6m Transceiver, gen cov. receiver • Dual DSP 32 bit • Three roofing filters- 3, 6, 15kHz • 5.8 in WQVGA TFT display • Hi-res real time spectrum scope



IC-V8000 2M Mobile Transceiver

- 75 watts • Dynamic Memory Scan (DMS) mode • Free software download • GPS A mode for easy D-PRS operation • One touch reply button (DV mode)
- Weather alert • Weather channel scan • 200 alphanumeric memories

Analog + Digital
Dual Bander
D-STAR

ID-880H

- D-STAR DV mode operation • DR (D-STAR repeater) mode • Free software download • GPS A mode for easy D-PRS operation • One touch reply button (DV mode)
- Wideband receiver



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The radio



FTDX-3000 100W HF + 6M Transceiver

- 100 Watt HF/6 Meters • Large and wide color LCD display • High Speed Spectrum Scope built-in • 32 bit high speed DSP /Down Conversion 1st IF



FT-7900R 2M/440 Mobile

- 50W 2M, 45W on 440MHz • Weather Alert • 1000+ Memories • WIRESS capability • Wideband receiver (cell blocked)

FT-60R 2M/440 5W HT

- Wide receiver coverage • AM air band receive • 1000 memory channels w/alpha labels • Huge LCD display • Rugged die-cast, water resistant case • NOAA severe weather alert with alert scan



FT-450D 100W HF + 6M Transceiver

- 100W HF/6M • Auto tuner built-in • DSP built-in
- 500 memories • DNR, IF Notch, IF Shift



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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Regular Club Meeting: January 12, 2014

Denny's on the corner of San Pablo Ave. and Potrero Ave in El Cerrito, CA 94530

Breakfast at 7:15 a.m. Club meeting at 8:00 a.m. Board meeting at 8:45